

ST. MARGARET'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



MARCH 3, 2024—10:30 AM
The Third Sunday in Lent

Welcome to all newcomers and visitors in the name of Jesus Christ. Please sign the guest book in the narthex or fill out one of our visiting guest cards found in the pew.

Our Mission: To Serve God and Make Disciples.

Our Vision: That All Whom We Encounter Will Encounter Christ.

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10:30 AM—HOLY EUCHARIST: Rite II

Prelude: Come, Now Is the Time to Worship

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Welcome:

The Reverend Eric Holloway

Processional Music: Refiner's Fire

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Salutation:

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: His mercy endures for ever.

The Decalogue:

Celebrant: Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: You shall not make for yourself any idol.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: Honor your father and your mother.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: You shall not commit murder.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: You shall not commit adultery.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: You shall not steal.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: You shall not be a false witness.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Trisagion: (*Blue Hymnal, S 102*)

Celebrant: Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One.

People: Have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day:

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray. Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons:

Lector: A Reading A Reading from **Exodus 20:1-17**

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm: Psalm 19

1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

**2 One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

3 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,

**4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.**

5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

**6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

7 The law of the LORD is perfect
and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.

**8 The statutes of the LORD are just
and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the LORD is clear
and gives light to the eyes.**

9 The fear of the LORD is clean
and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the LORD are true
and righteous altogether.

**10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.**

11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.

**12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.**

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.

**14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

**People: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the
beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

The Epistle:

Lector: A Reading from **1 Corinthians 1:18-25**

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both

Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Music: Breathe

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The Gospel: John 2:13-22

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Gradual Music: Breathe

Insert

Sermon: The Reverend Eric Holloway

The Nicene Creed:

People and Celebrant: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People Form IV:

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray especially for Justin, our Archbishop; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; David, our own Bishop; all bishops and other ministers, especially Eric, our Rector; Mike, our Verger; Tanner, our Seminarian; and all ministers in our parish. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray for Joe, our President; Greg, our Governor; Ron, our Mayor; and all members of the Congress and the Supreme Court of the United States. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we give thanks for [____]. We also pray this day for those who are celebrating birthdays or anniversaries, especially [____]. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially [____]. We pray for those serving in the Armed Forces, especially [____]. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, [especially (____)], that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Peace: (Please stand)

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence:

Offertory Music: How Great Is Our God *Insert*

The Presentation: Doxology

People and Celebrant: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus:

Celebrant and People:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory,

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, ‘Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me’”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

People and Celebrant:

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Margaret and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord’s Prayer:

Celebrant: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now sing,

People and Celebrant: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread:

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

Agnus Dei:

Celebrant: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: **People: have mercy on us.**

Celebrant: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: **People: have mercy on us.**

Celebrant: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: **People: grant us peace.**

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO SHARE IN THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION.

Prayer Partners are available to pray with you during Holy Communion.

Gluten-free wafers are available; communion wine contains alcohol.

Communion Music: Eagles Wings

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Post-Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Celebrant: Let us pray.

People and Celebrant: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing for Lay Eucharistic Visitor:

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's body and blood.

Congregation: We, who are many, are one body because we all share one bread, one cup.

Announcements/Birthday and Anniversary Blessings:

The Blessing:

Recessional Hymn: Everything That Has Breath *Insert*

The Dismissal:

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please join us in the Parish Hall for fellowship and hospitality directly after the service.

PRAYER CONCERNS—March 3, 2024

SHORT-TERM

For the needs of Rogers family, Hardy family, Fenton family, Haworth family,

LONG-TERM

also for the needs of all victims of natural disasters, war, terrorism, violence, & other crimes; Danny, Maggie, Jill, Francesca, Christopher, Jim, Billy Jack, Nicole, Rob, Doris, Vicki, Bob & Pat, Mimi, Tony, Alex, First Responders, Police, Fire, EMS, and especially for German, Chase, and Joseph.

ARMED FORCES

All members of the Armed Forces and especially for Luke, Jessica, Greta, and all those serving in harm's way.

BIRTHDAYS

Jim Sturch- 3/6

Elizabeth Williams- 3/10

Barbara Baugh 3/11

ANNIVERSARIES

Christina & Julie Sweet- 3/9

Julie & Matthew Fair- 3/11

Christina Leal & Dominic Armstrong- 3/26

DEATHS

Victor

Larry Lothringer (Mary Ann Winden's brother)

Jason Downen

The Rev. Eric Fenton

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

(The Third Sunday in Lent)

Give thanks for St. David's, San Antonio, and St. John's, Sonora.

To place a name on the prayer list, please fill out a prayer card. Please update your short-term requests every 30 days and confirm your long-term requests every 60 days with Mike Burroughs.

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Lector: Jenie Winkle

Prayers of the People: Laura McWhirter

Prayer Team: Mike Burroughs/Maggie Clyma

Acolyte: Abigail Brudjar

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Pete Siegel/Kara Bell

Greeter: Wendy O'Brien

Usher: Laura Wooldridge/Bob McDonald

Lay Eucharistic Visitor: Mike Burroughs

Altar Guild: Bonnie Barrows/Julie Sweet

Flower Guild: Jean Anne Paul

Vestry: Gloria Maynard

Hospitality: Pat & Bob Smith/Gloria Maynard

Praise Band: Christina Sweet/Jessica Brudjar/Matt Kitchen

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Sundays 8:00 am Morning Service

Sundays 9:30 am Christian Ed./Parish Hall

Sundays 10:30 am Morning Service

Wednesdays 9:30 am Book Study

Wednesdays 11:00 am Morning Eucharist

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Tuesday, 1 pm—6 pm

Wednesday, 1 pm—5 pm

Thursday, 10 am—5 pm

Sundays, after church